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### **DEQ 2016 Environmental Leadership Program Awards presented**

**BATON ROUGE** – Today, DEQ hosted the Environmental Leadership Awards at the DEQ headquarters in the Galvez building in downtown Baton Rouge. DEQ Secretary Dr. Chuck Brown was joined by Sen. Mike Walsworth, chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee, and Rep. Stuart Bishop, chair, House Natural Resources and Environment Committee, to recognize environmental achievements. Members of Environmental Leadership Program were commended for their voluntary pollution prevention efforts, community environmental outreach initiatives and environmental management systems that went above and beyond regulatory compliance to improve the environment.

ELP Awards were presented to large, medium and small businesses, municipalities, and academia. Fifteen new ELP members, who joined in 2015-2016 were recognized. This year, DEQ presented 11 awards in recognition of the following:

Pollutants reduced by the projects:

- 11,191,587 pounds (lbs) of pollutants including nitrates, NO<sub>x</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, greenhouse gases, solid waste, E-waste, polyethyl polyol residual
- 553,416 gallons (gals) of diesel fuel 135 cubic yards of aquatic debris

Pollutants reused:

- 52,560,000 gals cooling tower blowdown water

Pollutants recycled:

- 1,960,684 gals used oil, hydrocarbon-contaminated water
- 1,500,000 lbs e-waste

“The Environmental Leadership Awards highlight the proactive efforts of school, industry and communities to take ownership in their environment,” said Dr. Brown. “The award projects go a long way to improve our environment and set a good example.”

The ELP began in 1995 as a cooperative effort between DEQ and participating companies in the state. Today, any company, federal entity, municipality, non-governmental organization, school or university committed to improving the quality of the state’s environment is eligible to join the program. For more information about the ELP, please contact Linda Hardy at 225-219-3954 or visit the DEQ website at [www.deq.louisiana.gov/elp](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/elp).